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TO INSTALL APPARATUS

Public Is Invited To Ceremony At Negro
Playground Sunday.

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock will witness the installation at the playground for negroes in Ensley of playground apparatus, all of which was made by a Birmingham firm, according to announcement Saturday night by W. R. Wood, general superintendent of Birmingham playgrounds.

Short talks will be made, it is stated, by a number of representatives of negro secret orders, and old-fashioned plantation melodies will be sung.

The public is invited to the exercises.

\$75,000 J. C. BATHING BEACH BILL KILLED

Fight by Democrats Against
It's Location Causes
Loss of Measure
in Filibuster

PRESENT BEACH EXCLUSIVE

Head of D. C. Parks Has
Also Made J. C. Tennis
Courts and Ball Grounds

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Democrats Opposed Proposal

The bathing beach item was added to the second deficiency appropriation bill by the House. The Senate last Thursday concurred in the amendment, and the bill was sent to conference.

Democratic Senators, however, opposed the proposal. When this item was reached for passage in the Senate, Senators Reed, of Missouri, and Heflin, of Alabama, spoke against it.

Senator Harris, of Georgia, moved to strike out the House amendment. This motion was lost by a vote of 35 to 18. Four Democrats—Adams of Colorado, Copeland of

New York, Walsh of Massachusetts, and Walsh of Montana—joined the Republicans in voting against it.

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Three-Quarter Miles Away

The proposed site is nearly three-quarters of a mile away and on the opposite side of the inlet to Tidal Basin. But even this compromise will not now be put into effect, for there are no funds available for the construction of a bathing beach for colored people.

The Tidal Basin bathing beach was constructed and is maintained with Federal funds, but it is tacitly understood that it is to be used only by white persons. In fact, Colonel C. O. Sherrill, keeper of public buildings and grounds, has inaugurated a policy of segregation in the parks here. Only certain of the baseball diamonds, and tennis courts, on certain days, may be used by Negroes. Incidentally one nine-hole golf link was opened for Negroes Saturday. They are denied the use of the other links.

Sherrill is from North Carolina and the bathing beach is under his charge as well as the parks and public buildings.

SEN. HARRIS LOSES BATTLE AGAINST BEACH FOR NEGROES

Washington, June 9. (Special.)—The senate refused to pass the amendment of Senator Harris, of Georgia, which would have dropped the building of a bathing beach for negroes near the white bathing beach in the tidal basin here. Senator George voted for the Harris amendment.

Original proposals called for a bathing beach near the white beach, but as the result of the fight waged by Senator Harris and other senators, it has been moved nearly a mile away. Democratic senators from the northern states joined with republicans to defeat the Harris amendment, which would have held up the whole matter of a negro bathing beach.

Final agreement on the conference

report of the interior department appropriation bill showed that Senators Overman and Harris had won their fight to prevent a half-million-dollar appropriation for a building of Howard university, a negro school in Washington, because there was no authority in law for the school. Other items for the school were put into the bill because of the combined support of republican senators and northern democrats.

Secretary of War Weeks Assigns Part of White Resort at Washington For Negroes.

Special to The Pittsburgh Courier.
By Walter J. Singleton

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29

—After two years of intermittent protest addressed to Colonel Sherrill, the officer in charge of public grounds, and to the Secretary of War, regarding the location of a bathing beach for the use of colored people, a portion of the Tidal Basin situated on the shore opposite the one now used by white people has been assigned by the Secretary of War, and has been accepted, under protest, by the Committee headed by the president of the Civil Center of Affiliated Associations.

The Secretary of War has requested Congress to make available an appropriation of \$25,000 for the purpose.

There is quite a bit of interesting history connected with the progress of this project, in its various stages of negotiation and discussion, correspondence having passed between the Association and Colonel Sherrill, as well as the Secretary of War, the location of the proposed beach being the bone of contention. Various sites were proposed, or rather selected by Colonel Sherrill whose object seemed centered upon a desire to put through a location entirely cut off from the view of the District people, and evidently with such a thought in mind, he selected the south end of Columbia Island near the Virginia shore, and again the Virginia end of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

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Result Same, Even Though Congress' Motives Were Not The Best

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NEGRO TAXPAYERS ASK PLAYGROUNDS BE PROVIDED FOR

Favor City Bonding to
to Bring Prosperity to
All Business

APPEAL TO COMMISSION

Publicity Fund Depleted
to Pay Off Some City
Debts

A committee from the Negro Business Men's Association of Palatka, headed by Albert and Thomas Brown- ing and W. C. Lawson, appeared be- fore the city commission last night and appealed for some consideration n the expenditure of proceeds from the bond issue proposed to be voed on July 11, provided he issue car- ries.

All three members of the commit- tee spoke of the attitude of the ne- gro taxpayers of the city, declaring that they are for the issue, or any other progressive move that will tend to advance the inerests of the city, but that they would like o cart- ry back o their organization assur- ances from the commission that some provision be made to furnish the negroes of the city with suitable playgrounds. It was intimated that a parcel of land has already been viewed with the idea of transform- ing it into a public playground for colored residents.

In replying for the commission Mayor Davis said that while the commissioners had discussed no specific details for the spending of

whatever funds be voted for streets, ewers, parks and playgrounds, that it was the sense of the commission that all taxpayers be considered whether white or black and that the committee could rest assured that their request would receive every consideration. Mayor Davis said that whatever happens it is vitally im- portant that the city purchase the land adjacent to White Springs which is the prospective site for the park and golf links, as the property is the natural watershed for the ci- ty's water plant. This, he intimated as far as the commission has gone toward deciding definitely on the exact expenditures that will be made under the bond issue.

Publicity Fund Lost Again

For years the Chamber of Com- merce and progressive business men have fought to secure a sufficient amount of money to properly explo- it Palatka's advantages and just when a sufficient amount has accum- ulated in the city treasury o pay for a creditable booklet or other public- ity the city finds itself in such fi- nancial difficulties that the commis- sioners voted unanimously to trans- fer the \$3,000 which has accumulat- ed in the publicity fund under vari- ous levies, to the general fund. Some time ago the county transfered the county publicity fund, which also had been allowed to accumulate for some fitting time for expenditure, to the insanity fund.

Proposals which were made by Lee Keenerly to handle the city's garbage were discussed briefly, but it was the unanimous opinion of the commissioners that the present sys- tem be continued, especially as new equipment has been purchased and plans are under way to reduce the cost of handling.

The city clerk was instructed to ask the banks to file bids for city deposits on a daily balance basis. These will be considered at the next regular meeting on July 2.

An ordinance regulating electorial installation in the city was placed on its second reading and held over until the next meeting for final pas- sage. The ordinance is in accordance with the requirements of the Nation- al Fire Underwriters Association.

Mayor Davis offered a resoluton that a committee be named to con-

fer with the proper count officials relative to securing a small setion of the county jail for the incarceration of its prisoners, at least for the present, as the city jail is so disre- putable it is not a fit place to put a prisoner. The resolution was adop- ted.

Before adjournment the commis- sion heard the annual report of Pres- ident Mann, of the Library Associa- tion and set June 27 as the date for a special meeting to prepare the bal- lot boxes for the bond election on July 1.

To Hold National Recreational Meet

*Adm
American*
New York City, Aug. 21.—Better recreation opportunities for colored people will be the object of a meeting at the 11th national recreational congress to be held in Atlantic City, October 10th to 21st, the Playground and Recreational Association of America.

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Prof. Earnest T. Atwell, field director of the Associations' bureau of colored work and an authority on organization, athletics, musics and dramatics, etc., will be in charge. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., assistant secretary of the Navy will be one of the principal speakers.

Macon Playgrounds Draw Nearly 200,000

MACON, Ga., Jan. 8.—Attendance of 153,541 white children and 35,201 negroes was recorded for the playgrounds in Macon during the past year, according to the annual report compiled by the directors of the Playground Association during the past week. The average daily attendance was 581 whites and 122 negroes.

Macon has seven playgrounds, six white and one negro, which are open the year round from 3 p. m. until night. The appropriation for 1923 was \$7,500, which amount included salaries for supervisors, seven directors, referees, caretakers, etc., and the appropriation for the next year is expected to range much higher.

Regular athletic schedules have already been outlined for 1924, and there will be games between the various teams in the league on every school day.

MUNICIPAL PLAY GROUND OPENED AT CUYLER SCHOOL

**Prof. W. G. Dixon, Director,
Miss L. Blackshear, Assistant**

On Monday afternoon, June 2nd, at 3 o'clock, Supt. Bounds of the Playgrounds and Recreation in Savannah and Prof. W. G. Dixon teacher and physical director of Cuyler Junior High School, assisted by Mrs. Lucile Blackshear inaugurated a Playground at the Cuyler School for the colored children of the city of Savannah.

Mr. Bounds informed the leaders that equipment of various kinds would be immediately sent out to the grounds for installment. Swings, for the small and large children, will be installed, Sliding Boards and Spring Boards, also. Stands for Volly-ball will be a new feature of athletics for the larger boys and girls, together with indoor-ball, Half Rubber, and Hand ball.

In addition, clubs and companies will be organized among the several groups of children, Tags games and dances taught and songs learned daily.

Until the 20th of June the playground will open at 3 o'clock each day and close at 6:30. After above date, there will be two periods, one in the morning and another in the afternoon throughout the summer. The leaders urgently request the parents to send their children to the Playground each afternoon.

Washington Park Up For Further Discussion

Some time ago we alleged that a skating rink had been added to the concessions at Washington Park and that it was conducted by white men through Negroes and that in finality, white men were benefited from Negro money made through skating rinks, questionable dances and other conduct not approved of by a Christian community. At the time we made the charge, we did not know who conducted the skating rink and did not know that it was not on the park premises, but Saturday, Mr. G. Mont Howell, a well-known merchant dealer of color, came into our place and informed us that we were mistaken and made the following statement which we thought sustained our former position and which we refused to retract or correct. But we give you his statement for what it is worth and let the public decide whether or not white men are in finality, receivers of the money collected from a Negro dance and skating rink.

Mr. Howell states that one Dr. Murphy, the same man who furnished the money to Capt. McHenry to pay the city for five years' concessions at the park on privileges, owns the land that the skating rink was operated on, and that he was paying ground rent to said Dr. Murphy, who seems to be so much interested in Negro amusement for pay. Mr. Howell says that he owned the tent, bought the paraphernalia for the skating rink; that Dr. Murphy succeeded in getting the city to recognize it as one of the concessions of the park and in consequence of which, the city wired the rink, pays the light bill each month and does not charge him any license to run the rink, and that all the money made is Mr. Howell's. Mr. Howell pays ground rent to Dr. Murphy.

These are the facts as Mr. Howell stated them to us. We asked him if he paid license. He said he did not. We asked if the city furnished him free lights. He said it did. We asked him why did the city take taxpayers' money, equip a place of business, light it up, pay light bill and permit a private citizen to run a business free of license when the city code provides that all skating rinks should pay \$100.00 or more license to the city. He said he didn't know and that Dr. Murphy made the arrangement. We asked him if Dr. Murphy didn't get a part of the receipts. He said he paid Dr. Murphy ground rent out of the receipts. Now the public can decide for itself whether we were right or wrong when we said that the skating rink was being run by a white man through a Negro man.

Second, it is a question that the taxpayers ought to investigate to find out why the city of Atlanta, through the park commission, wires and pays the light bill every month for a private business for a private citizen and why an exception is

made and the same citizen is permitted to run his business free of tax or license when the city code required such business to pay a license fee for police protection and to assist in general expense of running the city government. We question the correctness of Mr. Howell's statement. Somebody must be paying license. Dr. Murphy may add the light bill and wiring in the ground rent. Mr. Howell may be paying it and not know it, for we cannot believe that the mayor and city council would permit any man to operate a business required under the law to take out license,—license fee. Neither can we believe that the city government would wire the private premises of an individual and pay their light bill for them to make money for private gain. This matter deserves investigation and we shall address ourselves to that proposition.

*Atlanta
Independent*

7-24-24

NEGRO SWIMMING POOL FUND GROWS

**Many Recent Activities
and Gifts Place Total
at \$6204.14.**

The negro public school picnic under the auspices of the Tuskegee Club of New Orleans, the baseball game played by the Pullman porters and negro Illinois Central employees, large contributions from San Jacinto Club, Lafon's parent-teacher body, V. B. Thompson's private school and other individuals made possible the presentation of \$1185.43 last Thursday at the dedication of the Sylvania F. Williams swimming pool. The total of \$6188.56 has been paid to the Playground and Community Service Commission in less than two years. Benefits are being planned and contributions are being sent in to wipe out the balance as early as date.

Girls' days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and boys' days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. All are free and are under the supervision of instructors.

Hours are from 3 to 6 o'clock until school closes, then it will be opened all day during vacation.

Last amount reported, \$6489.36: San Jacinto Club, \$50; New Orleans Tuskegee Club, \$50; through a friend, \$10; through N. B. Cox, \$10.80; through Crescent Lodge No. 299, \$15; Carr and Lloplis, \$2; Roudez Williams, \$2; through H. Davage, \$2.50; Vera Cruz Thornton, \$1; Mrs. M. Jones, \$1; through Mrs. Bowie, \$1.80; through Oliver Smith, \$1.25; through Clifford Carson, \$1.80; Albert Johnson, \$1.85; four boys, \$1; Mrs. Ida Turner, \$1; Mary Anderson, \$1; Edward Marigny, \$1; Clara Eclay, \$1; through Mrs. V. Pierson, \$1.75; through Miss Piquaud, 80 cents; through Miss Martha Perkins, \$1; through Miss M. Stewart, \$1.50; through Miss A. Robinson, \$2.37; T. Rivers, \$2; through Mr. Broades, \$3.60; through Miss A. Robinson, \$2.37; Mr. T. Galbreath, \$1; Professor Lucien Alexis, \$1; Reverend D. F. Taylor, \$1; through Dr. Milanes, \$1.25; N. B. Boullemitt, \$1; a friend, \$1; through V. B. Thompson, 50 cents; Saul Wortz, \$1; through Mrs. E. Smith, \$1.25; G. W. Guidry, \$2; through public school picnic, Thomy Lafon school, \$90.60; Bienville school, \$66.30; McDonogh No. 35, \$52.13; Willow school, \$32; The Craig school, \$31.35; A. P. Williams, \$30.70; Valena C. Jones, \$12.50; Marigny school, \$13.80; James Lewis, \$13.60; McDonogh No. 24, \$10.85; Danneel school, \$8.90; McDonogh No. 32, \$8; McDonogh No. 6, \$4.50; Carthy, \$3.50; Fisk school, \$3; Lee Station, \$1.90; Cut Off, \$1; V. B. Thompson, \$18.10; Mrs. F. Wells, \$1; G. Crowley, 60 cents; other collections, \$95.24; Bienville school, extra, \$6.25; total amount raised, \$6204.14.

Balls for game at picnic contributed by Xavier and Straight university, New Orleans Sporting Goods Club, teachers and doctors.

Cigars and cigarettes were donated by Crescent Cigar and Tobacco Company. Tuxedo band donated music for the dedication.

Negro Youths Splash In Water as McShane Opens Swimming Pool

Mayor McShane, a brass band, 60,000 gallons of water, screams, speeches, splashes and Martin Behrman. That was the assemblage at Sixth and South Robertson streets, Thursday, at the dedication of the Sylvania F. Williams swimming pool.

Hundreds of excited negro kids, thrilled at the opportunity of swimming in a real honest-to-goodness swimming pool, had the time of their lives, while mid the noise and excitement of the event, those responsible for the pool spoke.

The pool was built with money raised among the negroes by Helen S. Edwards, Virginia B. Thompson, Deborah J. Guidry and many other ardent workers. It is a memorial to Sylvania F. Williams, for many years the principal of the Thomy Lafon school. Over \$5000 was raised.

Besides Mayor McShane and Martin Behrman, Rev. Father Anthony Walsh, of Holy Ghost church, Judge John D. Nix, Rev. Hubbs, Harry Fitzpatrick of the playgrounds commission, Helen S. Edwards, assistant superintendent of school, A. E. Perkins, Mrs. E. Wells, S. J. Green and Rev D. F. Taylor spoke.

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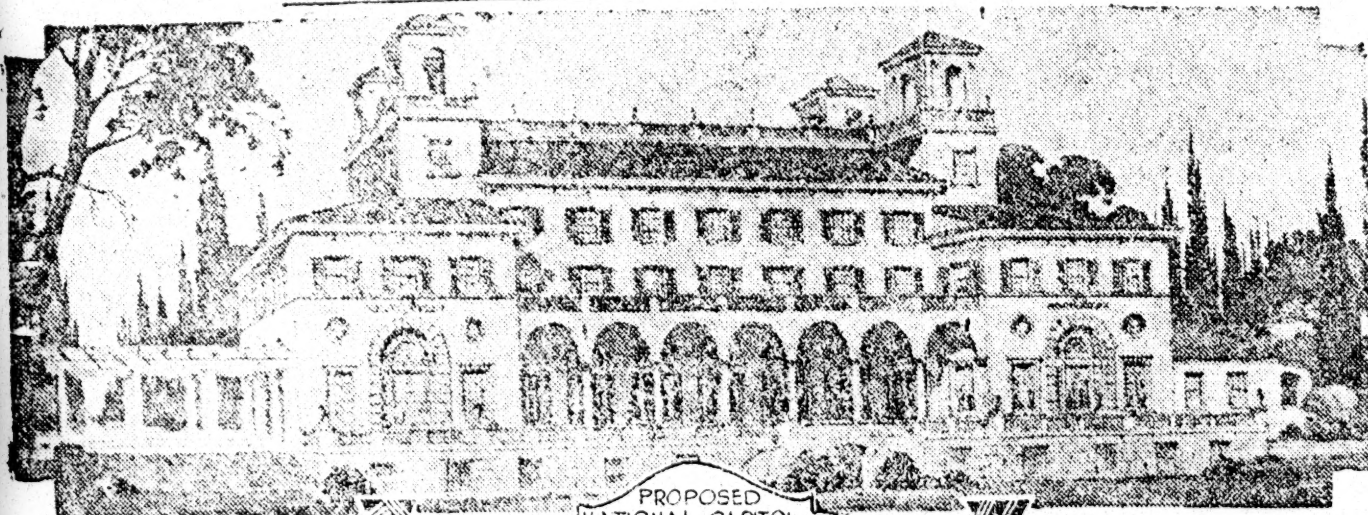
RECREATION NEEDS OF NEGRO CHILDREN TOLD AT CONGRESS

Atlantic City, N. J.—"The Colored Citizens and Leisure Time" was the subject of one of the principal sessions at the eleventh National Recreation Congress, which completed its meeting at Hudson Hall, Atlantic City, October 21. Speakers were Dr. Emmett L. Scott, secretary-treasurer of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and Thomas S. Scott of Washington, D. C., representative of the Playground and Recreation Association of America. E. T. Attwell, director of the bureau of colored work of the Association presided.

Mr. Scott said that an inquiry into the causes of criminality among Negroes showed that there was an appalling lack in most communities of facilities for play and recreation. The Negro child should have the same facilities for recreation as the white child.

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Negroes Plan a National Country Club For Race Within Sight of Washington



PROPOSED
NATIONAL CAPITAL
COUNTRY CLUB,
WASHINGTON
D. C.



Dr. M. O.
DUMAS
Treas.



Dr. A. M.
CURTIS
1st Vice Pres.



Dr. EMMETT
J. SCOTT,
Pres.



THOS. H. R.
CLARKE,
5th Vice Pres.

Will Be Like Modern Hotel,
With a Hall of Fame
Included.



JAMES A. COBB,
Chairman
Membership Com.



VICTOR
R. DALY,
Sec'y.

LESTER A. WALTON
In order to build a national shrine at the "heart of the Nation," representative Negroes have organized the National Capital Country Club. They desire the new institution to take its place in Washington along with the

United States Chamber of Commerce, National Geographic Society, National Academy of Science and the Congressional Country Club. The underlying motive behind the project is that of race advancement.

While the National Capital Country Club is not to function merely for the exploitation of golf, of tennis, but rather as a national institution with a broad purpose, it will not be devoid of social features.

Modern Club Hotel.

Plans for the main building provide for a modern club hotel, where members may live for any desired period. Facilities will make possible the holding of important social functions.

In the club house will be ample bedrooms, assembly room, promenade, banquet room, grill, conservatory,

music room, library and statuary hall. There also will be a swimming pool, gymnasium, golf course and tennis courts. In addition to the club, house modern bungalows will be erected.

Some pertinent information about the National Capital Country Club, furnished by the Board of Governors, follows:

1. It will be near the Capital City of the Nation where the world may view the accomplishment.
2. It will provide a suitable place for the assembly of conventions.
3. It will provide a delightful place of abode for visiting members, their relatives and friends.
4. It will provide a statuary hall where Negroes may place before the world their tributes to the immortals of their race; further, it will provide wholesome recreation for those in search of outdoor sports.

The idea of preserving a portion of the main building as a statuary hall has been prompted by a sincere desire of many to commemorate in a fitting manner the achievements of outstanding Negroes and where individuals and organizations may give expression to their sentiments by placing statues or tablets to immortalized distinguished members of the race, including heroes of the World War.

Negroes have no adequate facilities for the proper accommodation of visitors to the capital of the Nation, nor is there a suitable place to hold conventions. It is the aim of the club to supply these urgent needs.

The roster of members of the National Capital Country Club, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, include professional and business men living in all sections of the country. Members are accepted only by invitation and the membership is limited by the club's constitution.

Officers of the Board.

Officers of the Board of Governors are: Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer Howard University, President and Chairman; Dr. A. M. Cur-

tis, Washington, First Vice President; Dr. Harry S. McCard, Baltimore, Second Vice President; Thomas H. R. Clarke, Washington, Third Vice President; Victor R. Daly, Washington, Secretary; Dr. Michael O. Dumas, Washington, Treasurer; James A. Cobb, Washington, Chairman of Membership Committee.

Among those living in the District of Columbia identified with the movement are: Dr. U. J. Daniels, Charles H. Flagg, Dr. M. L. T. Grant, Mortimer Harris, W. L. Houston, Dr. B. Hurst, Capt. Campbell C. Johnson, Dr. J. Hayden Johnson, Dr. M. M. Lucas, Capt. Arthur C. Newman Whitefield McKinlay, Dr. S. S. Thompson, Robert A. Pelham, Dr. S. D. Savory, Dr. A. T. Pride, Dr. F. V. Bacchus, Dr. M. H. Curtis, H. O. Atwood and Dr. Elias G. Evans.

Others holding membership are: Ralph V. Cooke, C. C. Fitzgerald, W. Ashbie Hawkins, Dr. S. B. Hughes, W. C. McCard, Dr. A. O. Reid, Dr. B. M. Rhetta, Dr. W. H. Wright of Baltimore, Robert L. Vann, Pittsburgh; Robert C. Barnes, Dr. J. L. Henderson, the Rev. R. L. Bradby, Arthur W. Rhodes, Benjamin F. Dunning, Dr. D. J. Grimes, Dr. T. N. Malone, Dr. A. M. Miller, L. N. Metcalfe, William J. Robinson and L. N. Metcalfe of Detroit, Dr. Oliver A. Taylor, Perry B. Jackson, Garrett A. Morgan, W. H. Randolph, Dr. John R. Finley, Dr. W. F. Ritchie and Dr. D. J. Frise, Cleveland; Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, Louisville; J. Seth Hills, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. G. A. Banks, Wheeling, W. Va.; James T. Brown, Jr., Chicago; Dr. J. A. Tinsley, Weldon, N. C.; Dr. Richard M. Fowler, Atlantic City, and Dr. Elwood D. Downing, Roanoke, Va.

Nearly 100 of the leading Negroes of Greater New York have been invited to join the National Country Club, many of whom have signified intentions of becoming identified with the organization in the near future.

DES BUY SITE
CITYVILLE FOR
COUNTRY CLUB

Namaqua Organization Has
183 Acres of Land on Long

Island, of Which 90 Are Clear

GOLF COURSE AND TENNIS COURTS ARE FEATURES.

George E. Townsend Is President and John H. Wade Has Been Chosen Secretary.

By LESTER A. WALTON

Negroes of Greater New York have organized the Namiqua Country Club and property has been acquired at Amityville, L. I. The club's realty holdings consist of 183 acres, of which ninety are clear. The remainder is adapted for picnics, camping, outings and other out-door amusements. There is a nine-hole golf course and six tennis courts.

George E. Townsend of Brooklyn is President and John H. Wade of No.

91 Samuel Street, Jamaica, is Secretary. "It is our ambition to accommodate the growing hosts of colored golfers and tennis players and to furnish a place where our people can have unmolested and unrestricted enjoyment in the country with its broad fields, pure air and sunshine," says Secretary Wade. "Improvements will be made as rapidly as possible. A feature will be radio concerts from a powerful receiver with a loud speaker."

Taking to Golf.

Local Negroes are interested in another golf club known as Shady Rest, near Westfield, N. J., organized two years ago.

Philadelphia Negroes are also becoming very much interested in golf. They have a course about three miles north of the City Hall at Buckingham, Pa. The Booker T. Washington Country Club is the name of the newly-formed organization. When the club had its opening Sunday, May 4, there were 500 persons present, and 200 cars were parked about the grounds.

Richmond Daily Starts Drive For Playground For Colored Children

Richmond, Va., June 11—The Richmond News Leader, an influential daily of this city, has inaugurated a movement which has for its purpose the providing the 40,000 colored children of the city with facilities for legitimate outdoor play.

The appeal the News Leader sends out to funds to make possible this project is not only strikingly pathetic, but reveals a truthful and serious condition that confronts colored children in hundreds of southern communities.

In its issue of June 7, the Leader published the following statement regarding its efforts to aid Richmond colored children:

"To make outdoor play legitimate for colored children, to provide supervision for 40,000 underprivileged colored youngsters who otherwise must run wild through the city and find what amusement mischievous minds may devise, is the purpose of the colored playground fund appeal now being extended to the people of Richmond, white and colored, by The News Leader.

"Contributors are asked to send checks or cash to the colored playground fund, care of The News Leader, as early as possible, so that the work may be started early. All contributions will be acknowledged promptly. A total of \$3,000 is said by recreation officials to be necessary to supervise and furnish limited equipment to playgrounds in each of the colored districts.

"The colored people of Richmond started their drive to swell the fund yesterday with contributions totaling nearly \$700. A special executive committee on playgrounds and recreation, composed of colored patrons of social organizations is to meet again tonight at 7, at the headquarters of the council of colored women, Clay street, to discuss further plans.

"Among the contributors listed today were the following: Southern Aid Life Insurance Company, \$100; National Roy, \$2; W. H. Davis, Jr., \$1; Rose Watson, \$1; John Coles, \$1; cash \$5; cash, \$2; W. A. Randolph, \$1; H. C. Mundin, \$2; Bessie Thorps, \$5. H. J. Johnston, pledge, \$2; cash, \$1.

Parks and Playgrounds

The city authorities have demonstrated keen interest in all measures intended to improve or maintain the public health. The commissioner of public welfare has proved over and over that one does not have to show him the desirability of maintaining a high standard of public health as a valuable asset to the city.

It is with the idea of furthering public health and contentment that there has been much agitation of late for the establishment of additional municipal golf links.

Afro Americans in Norfolk are confronted with a most serious and health menacing shortage of breathing spaces and recreational centers, especially for the growing children—boys and girls. On account of peculiar local conditions which need not be argued for the purposes of this appeal the municipal golf links, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, *et cetera*, are not available to the colored citizens. For the benefit of our race population, exceeding fifty thousand, we have only two playgrounds of restricted size. A piece of ground large enough to accommodate a baseball diamond, a tennis court or set and some swings and benches could be equipped at comparatively small cost to the taxpayers and would pay large returns in health insurance. Besides, it is possible that such a project could be made self-supporting, just as is true of the municipal golf links.

COLORED RECREATION ACTIVITIES.

Attendance is increasing rapidly every day.

Flower making, sewing and basketry classes for girls begin Monday morning, July 28, at 9:30 o'clock. Also jig-saw and basketry classes for boys. A number of girls are asked to join our teams in volley ball, basketball and football on Monday morning.

The playground instructor is planning a wonderful event that will display the talents of the colored children of Memphis. Five hundred children are asked to report Monday morning for the different features of the event.

There will be classes in folk dancing every Tuesday morning from 10 to 12:30 o'clock. Girls up to 15 years are asked to enroll.

Parents are invited to come with their children as often as possible and see for themselves that they will be well taken care of. But if you can't come, do let the children come and enjoy themselves in pure and wholesome recreation and activities that mean so much to the health and happiness of every child.

An attendance campaign is being launched. The success of this means more playgrounds, more playground apparatus and more playground instructors for the colored children of Memphis. These are the things that we are badly in need of.

Let everybody do his share and success will come.

Be sure that your child will be among the 500 of this wonderful event that is about to be launched.

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MORE PARK ACREAGE FOR WHITES!

The city fathers consummated a deal last week, whereby the city acquires a 1503-acre tract of land on the old Camp Logan site to be later developed as a memorial park and will be utilized, presumably, only by the white citizens of the community.

Along with this purchase comes the news that Emancipation Park playground will have free moving pictures during the summer months.

While we appreciate the fact that our children will get free movies at our own park during the park season (maybe), we can not but complain of the scant consideration given Emancipation Park both by the colored board of directors and the city fathers.

Practically a month before the Houston Colored Amateur Baseball League was temporarily organized, the matter of a ball diamond at Emancipation Park was formally taken up with the colored board of directors, and, despite their glowing promises, not even a clod of dirt has been moved in this direction.

Yet we understand that the colored board has turned over more than \$1,000 to the city from park rentals during the last twelve or fifteen months, not one cent of which has been expended for any improvements at said park.

On the other hand the city has made no improvements at Emancipation Park, yet they can spend thousands of dollars for park acreage for future development, and this on top of the fact that Emancipation Park cost the city practically nothing, save some delinquent taxes and few other minor obligations.

Houston has a colored population in excess of 40,000 and yet these citizens and tax payers are treated very shabbily when it comes to park facilities and other civic considerations.

The Informer is not opposed to parks, but this paper is opposed to parks for one group to the exclusion and neglect of the other; for they are purchased and supported by funds accruing from general revenue, which all tax payers help to make possible.

If taxation without representation was tyranny during colonial days, what is taxation today without both representation and consideration?

Thousands of dollars for additional park acreage for white citizens, but not even a few dollars to lay off a baseball diamond in one corner of the only park in the city for colored citizens!

Thousands or more acres for park purposes for the favored and fortunate race (purchased at a big price) but no improvements on or at the ten acres donated the city by the colored citizens of this community!

We often wonder if the city fathers are not concerned nor interested in their 40,000 or more colored citizens in this respect, or is this condition due to the failure of the colored board of directors to properly function?

Whatever the cause, the result is the same, and, while the whites are getting parks with much regularity and while those they already have are being improved and rendered more beautiful, Emancipation Park is being treated like a red-headed step-child!

Recreation Facilities Again

As yet nothing has come out of City Hall to indicate the attitude of the city government on the matter of recreation facilities for the colored people this summer, and nothing is being done by our own people to break the silence at City Hall. Much Council discussion has ranged around tourists sites, golf courses, etc., which appeal to the enjoyment of a favored few, but for the health and comfort of the plodders, particularly those of off-color, no voice has been heard.

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It is realized that picking out conspicuous defects in one's home city is not good advertising, but neither is a high death rate, poor health standards and low morality. And if the latter can be minimized by a concentration upon the former, no public spirited citizen can escape the moral obligation to shout upon the house-tops.

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Lafayette Park is supposed to be a public park and is maintained with public revenue and every colored citizen knows that he has the right to go there and enjoy its benefits whenever he pleases, so long as he conducts himself with proper decorum, but the attitude of the colored people is rather to a peaceable adjustment of wrongs inflicted in the name of Southern tradition.

What is wanted now is recreation facilities, either the free use of City Park for the colored citizens—which by every right they are entitled to—or the providing of a suitable park for their use elsewhere. The health, happiness and comfort of women and children demand this much.